

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1050
By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Harold Coker on the occasion of his induction into the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga College of Business Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Harold Coker is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for many years as owner and operator of Coker Tire Company and who was recently inducted into the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga College of Business Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, before founding the Coker Tire Company, Harold Coker graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College in 1949 and Tennessee Technological University in 1951; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Mr. Coker worked at B. F. Goodrich as a District Manager in Athens, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the very epitome of the American entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Coker opened Coker Tire Company in Athens in 1958, and three years later he moved to Chattanooga to open another Coker Tire Company; and

WHEREAS, through agreements with tire manufacturers Goodrich, Firestone, and Michelin, Coker Tire Company ships antique car tires worldwide; and

WHEREAS, an astute businessman, Mr. Coker is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; he is a former three-time Chairman of the Hamilton County Commission, and he is the past President of the Antique Automobile Club of America and the National Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Coker is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of fifty-one years, Lillian, and three children, Corky Coker, David Coker, and Christie Bowen, and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Harold Coker exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable business career, Harold Coker has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Harold Coker upon his induction into the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga College of Business Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame, commend him for his unflagging commitment to business professionalism and dedication to excellence, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.